

SHOREBIRD INTERN

Stewart B. McKinney NWR is looking for a qualified individual to be our 2016 Shorebird Intern. This person will help monitor piping plover, least tern, American oystercatcher, and other shorebirds on the Refuge as well as on State and private lands.

Duties include nest searching, patrolling nesting areas, talking with/educating the public, assisting with fencing/signage/exclosures, reporting on nest/chick productivity, maintaining the Refuge's electric fence and sound system, and tracking/reporting predators, and managing trail cameras. The shorebird intern will also contact our island keepers and get regular updates on any shorebirds they have observed on the islands. Additionally, this intern may be required to visit the islands to survey/monitor which may include an overnight stay on the island in rustic housing. The shorebird intern will work in teams (with Refuge staff, State employees, and non-profit affiliates) and independently. He/She will need to drive a Refuge vehicle to and from monitoring sites (including large trucks), work in inclement weather conditions such as high muggy heat, be physically fit enough to walk miles on beaches in the sun and carry fence/sign posts.

Qualifications: Applicants must have the ability to perform the physical duties of the position including being able to work in all kinds of weather and over different types of terrain. Applicants must be able to work with minimal supervision, be very independent and easy-going, be able to work with the public of all ages in a professional manner, and possess a valid U. S. driver's license. Previous experience with shorebird monitoring, environmental education, interpretation, field work, data collection, and wildlife identification is preferred.

Send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for at least 3 references (must include email and phone number) by email to: Kristina_Vagos@fws.gov. Please do not send applications by mail.

Salary: A small living allowance of \$190.00/week and shared housing (if needed) will be provided.

Time Frame: The position will start on May 23rd and end August 19th, 2016.

Last Day to Apply: February 19th, 2016

Website: http://www.fws.gov/refuge/stewart_b_mckinney/

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